

**Breakdown of \$1M SFY 14-15 Approved Expansion Budget
Item for Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)**

*Assumes 11 FTEs are funded through existing DHHS resources
DPH needs approval to establish FTEs in its budget and begin recruitment*

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ongoing funding for contracts with 3 regional autopsy centers (ECU, WFU, Mecklenburg) - \$400/autopsy supplement paid in addition to statutory fee of \$1,250/autopsy	\$636,400
Contracts with medical experts for specialized services to support autopsies (dental, dermatology, neurology, radiology, forensic anthropology)	\$ 37,500 *
Registration costs for accreditation application	\$ 10,000 *
Begin statewide Medical Examiner (ME) training (total \$96,100)	
• Annual ME training seminar	\$ 50,000 *
• Ongoing ME training (includes travel, per diem, & lodging costs for OCME staff to deliver training)	\$ 46,100 *
Scientific equipment	\$ 30,000
Annual OCME operating costs (Covers routine shortfalls and increasing annual costs)	
• Scientific/drug/office supplies	\$ 90,000
• Body transportation costs	<u>\$100,000</u>
	\$1,000,000

* Denotes specific accreditation requirement (National Association of Medical Examiners, or NAME; American Board of Forensic Toxicology, or ABFT)